

REMARKS

Herein, the "Action" or "Office Action" refers to the Office Action dated 3/25/2004.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 6-18 and 30-42 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 6-8, 12-14, 30-32 and 36. Claims withdrawn or canceled herein are 1-5, 19-29, and 43-50. New claims added herein are none.

Allowed Subject Matter

While they are objected to, the Office indicates that claims 6-18 and 30-42 would be allowable if rewritten so that they did not depend upon rejected base claims. Applicant has rewritten these claims accordingly.

To speed along this case to issuance, Applicant is canceling all claims that have not been allowed (if re-written), but reserves the right to resubmit them in a related child or sibling case.

Formal Claim Rejections

The Office rejects to claims 9, 12-14, 33, and 36-38 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The primary reason for this rejection is a lack of antecedent basis for claimed elements and features. Applicant amends these claims to provide sufficient antecedent basis.

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Formal & Substantive Claim Rejections

Since applicant cancels claims (1-5, 19-29, and 43-50), the Office's rejection of them is moot. However, applicant will address the rejections if it submits a related applications with such claims re-introduced.

Conclusion

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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